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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The Government have examined the question and consider that there is no need to re-enact the Industrial Disputes (Madras Amendment) Act, 1949.

Industrial potentialities of the State

* 364 Q.—SRI S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to place on the Table of the House a copy of the Interim Report received from the National Research Council of Applied Economics regarding the Industrial potentialities of the State?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The preliminary draft of the report of the National Council of Applied Economic Research contains certain tentative suggestions for setting up new industries and for expanding certain existing industries. The report is being finalised by the Council. It will not be in the public interest to disclose the contents of the Preliminary draft at this stage.

Women Beedi Workers

* 365 Q.—SRI D. S. AUTHIMOOLAM. (on behalf of Srimathi T. N. ANANDANAYAKI) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether the Government have received petitions recently from the Women Beedi Workers, requesting the Government to exempt the rolling of the beedies by women from the operation of the Beedi Industrial Premises (Regulation of Conditions of Work) Act, 1958?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The answer is in the affirmative.

SRI D. S. AUTHIMOOLAM : பெண் தொழிலாளிகளுக்கு விதிவிலக்கு கொடுப்பது பற்றி சென்ற இரண்டு மாதங்களுக்கு முன்பு நடந்த மகாநாட்டில் மந்திரி அவர்கள் ஏதாவது வாக்குறுதி அளித்தார்களா?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : பெண் தொழிலாளர்கள் இல்லை நன்றாக பதிலளிப்பது, வெட்டுவது ஆகிய இரண்டு காரியங்களையும் அவர்கள் வீட்டிலேயே செய்யலாம் என்று சர்க்கார் கூறியது. அதுமாத்திரமல்ல, அவ்வாறு அவர்கள் வீட்டில் செய்தால் அவர்களுக்கு பாக்டரி சட்டம் அமுலாகாது. அவர்களுக்கு இந்த பீடி இண்டஸ்ட்ரியல் ப்ரெமிலஸ் சட்டத்திலேயுள்ள சலுகைகளைக் கொடுக்க அவசியம் இல்லை என்று தெளிவுபடுத்தினார்கள்.

Local Development Works in Tiruchirappalli District.

* 366 Q.—SRI S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state :

(a) whether the staff allotted to Tiruchirappalli district for the works under the Local Development scheme have been allowed to continue only up to June 1959;

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(b) whether there is any proposal before the Government to issue orders extending the continuance for the entire period of the current years; and

(c) whether any new works under the Local Development Scheme are proposed to be taken for the current year in the Tiruchirappalli district?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (a) No, Sir. The employment of special staff has been sanctioned up to 30th September 1959.

(b) Yes, Sir. Certain further particulars are awaited from the Chief Engineer (Highways) to enable the Government to examine the necessity to continue the special staff for a further period up to 29th February 1960.

(c) Orders have already been issued permitting the execution of new Rural Water-supply works under the Local Development Works Scheme during 1959-60.

Thefts and house-breaking in the City

368 Q.—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the growing menace of thefts and house-breakings effected in bungalows and houses in the recent past in the City of Madras;

(b) how many cases were reported to the Police during last year and this year;

(c) how many were traced and detected;

(d) what is the value of property involved in those cases;

(e) how many cases of pick-pocketing were reported during last year and the present year;

(f) how many cases were detected and how many persons were punished;

(g) what was the punishment meted out to the pick-pockets; and

(h) what is the amount recovered from those pick-pockets?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) It is incorrect to state that there is a growing menace of thefts or House-breakings in bungalows and houses in the City in the recent past. On the other hand this form of crime has reached a low level of incidence during this year.

		1958.	1959 up to 30th June 1959.
(b)	3,174	1,451
(c)	1,996	564
(d) Properties lost in House-breaking cases	62,254	41,275
Properties recovered in House-breaking cases..		36,556	7,755.15 nP.